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School Recycling Fact Sheets now on the Web

The CT DEP Recycling Program publication, "*School Recycling Fact Sheets*" is now available on the DEP website www.dep.state.ct.us/wst/recycle/ctrecycles.htm. A paper copy of this document will be sent to all public and private schools in Connecticut in late August. This popular 62-page document contains information on recycling laws, composting, vermicomposting, recycling performers, recycling field trips, resources available from DEP, classroom activities and much more.

Waste Management Sponsors Awards Program For America Recycles Day

Waste Management is sponsoring a national cash awards program to provide incentives to communities, both large and small, who promote America Recycles Day in their area. These awards will be in recognition of activities held in celebration of ARD 2001. Up to nine regional awards will be funded in the following categories:

- 3 Regional awards for cities/counties over 150,000 population and states
- 3 Regional awards for cities/counties between 50,000 and 150,000
- 3 Regional awards for cities/counties under 50,000 population

Each winner will be granted $3,000 in prize money to be used to help promote recycling, waste reduction, and buying recycled in their community. The regions will follow the same ones outlined in the America Recycles Day prize drawing program. Our state will compete in the following group: Connecticut, Delaware, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virgin Islands, Virginia, Washington, DC, and West Virginia.

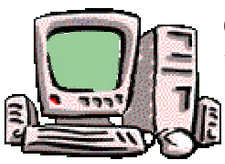
In order to be eligible the event must have been registered on the official America Recycles Day web site www.americarecyclesday.org. Visit the CT DEP website to get an events registration form www.dep.state.ct.us/wst/recycle/ctrecycles.htm. Send in the form to CT DEP according to instructions and DEP will enter your event on the national site. Extra weight will be given to communities/states that are in states that are affiliated with America Recycles Day, Inc. The State of Connecticut has been an affiliated state since the national program began in 1997.

Applications must be received no later than Jan 11, 2002. Applications will consist of the information submitted to www.americarecyclesday.org plus any supporting documentation the applicant wishes to include with the focus on results. Waste Management will convene a panel of approximately 5 – 7 judges with the winners notified no later than February 15, 2002. The following criteria will also be used in the awards process:

- Creativity/Originality – The uniqueness of the event is important in terms of creating participation and involvement. Focus on buy-recycled and recycling will be measured as well.
- Coverage – The amount and quality of local news coverage provided by the news media or local press.
- Measurement of Results:
    1. People participating/in attendance and people signing pledge cards.
    2. The number of additional tons/pounds recovered, recycled, reduced, etc as a result of the event.
    3. Number of local dignitaries in attendance at the event and the number of partners.

Entries should be sent to: **Richard Abramowitz, Waste Management/Recycle America, 6565 N. MacArthur Blvd., Suite 210, Irving, TX 75039.**

Electronics Recycling Workshops Offered

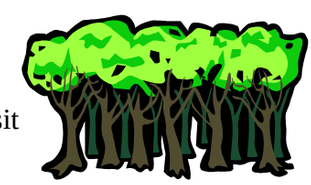


Governments looking for methods to manage growing amounts of used electronic equipment will have an opportunity this Fall to get ahead of the curve and learn form their peers who are operating successful electronics recycling programs. On October 26 in Schenectady, NY, and November 7 in Boston, MA, the Northeast Recycling Council, Inc. (NERC) will conduct training workshops for municipal and county officials on how to set up electronics collection programs for recycling and reuse.

Sponsored by the US EPA, these workshops will present a range of collection strategies, including their costs, challenges and key features. Trainers will share information such as how to set appropriate user fees, how program costs are impacted by various factors, and what to look for in an electronics recycler. Participants will have plenty of opportunity to focus on specific areas of interest, from one-day event planning to long-term cooperative marketing. Demanufacturers and other electronics vendors will be present to provide networking opportunities and further know-how on this hot topic. These workshops are the first of their kind in the U.S.

To view the agenda or register to attend a workshop, visit the NERC website at www.nerc.org or call (802) 254-3636.

Upcoming Meetings



Certified Forest Products International Conference & Showcase will be held September 26-28, 2001 at the Cobb Galleria in Atlanta, Georgia. For more information please call (503) 799-1839 or visit conferencequestions@certifiedwood.org.

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